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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 12, 2004, please

consider the following remarks. As this response is being filed on <u>Monday</u>, June 14,

2004, this response is believed to be timely.

The Examiner has identified the following three groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7, 19 and 20, drawn to a vector and a method of expressing a
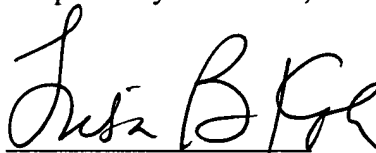
gene of interest in a cell;

Group II: Claims 9, 10 and 18, drawn to a non-human animal comprising the vector of Group I, and a method of screening an anti-tumor drug by using a transgenic non-human animal; and

Group III: Claims 8 and 11-17, drawn to a method of generating a reverse tetracycline-controlled transactivator expression system.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect to pursue the claims of Group II, namely claims 9, 10 and 18, in the above-identified application, without prejudice to the prosecution of non-elected claims in other patent applications.

It is believed that no fee is due with this response. If however, payment of a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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